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**To:** [Meyer, John](#)  
**Cc:** [Peycke, Mark](#); [Miller, Gary](#); [Edlund, Carl](#); [Banipal, Ben](#); [Phillips, Pam](#); [Sanchez, Carlos](#); [McCorkhill, Michael](#)  
**Subject:** Draft STATEMENT - measurement  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 2:24:21 PM

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## STATEMENT

Pursuant to EPA's direction and oversight, the PRPs delineated the damaged portion of the rock layer to the cap at San Jacinto River Waste Pit Superfund site in Harris County, Texas. The damaged area measures approximately 25' by 22' and is an irregular trapezoidal shape. Visual inspection did not find a depression or hole in the cap but confirmation sampling is necessary to confirm no materials have been released from the site. EPA has directed the PRPs to collect sediment sampling from the repair area. EPA will also be conducting confirmation sampling of the area for analysis at an independent EPA approved laboratory. Quality assured sample results will be available to the public in about 60 days.

EPA approved with modifications the portion of the PRPs' work plan regarding the necessary repairs. Equipment and materials to repair the cap are expected to arrive on December 29 and will take from 1 to 2 weeks to complete.

EPA will remain on-site during the assessment and repair activities to ensure compliance with the approved work plan.

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**From:** Meyer, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 2:13 PM  
**To:** Gray, David  
**Cc:** Peycke, Mark; Miller, Gary; Edlund, Carl; Banipal, Ben; Phillips, Pam; Sanchez, Carlos; McCorkhill, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: San Jacinto Update - Final measurement calculation

The area of the armor rock gap is not depressed in relation to the surrounding portions of the cap. It appears that the armor rock (in this area the rock was about 3" in diameter) was pushed in and sediments have filled in to create a uniform surface. Therefore, there is no "hole" or depression in the cap.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 1:58 PM

**To:** Meyer, John

**Cc:** Peycke, Mark; Miller, Garyg; Edlund, Carl; Banipal, Ben; Phillips, Pam; Sanchez, Carlos; McCorkhill, Michael

**Subject:** Re: San Jacinto Update - Final measurement calculation

Any indication of deep or if cap has been visibly breached?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 23, 2015, at 1:56 PM, Meyer, John <[Meyer.John@epa.gov](mailto:Meyer.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

The area of the gap in the armor rock was calculated based on the probe measurements as 25' x 22'. The shape of the gap is irregular (or trapezoidal). The gap was in an area that was generally 1' to 2' below the water surface on the "flat" or gently sloping part of the cap.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 1:36 PM

**To:** Gray, David

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**Subject:** RE: San Jacinto Update - Early measurements & Site Visitors

Yes, Cong. Green asked about the work that was on-going work in the field. They were doing the probe measurements at that time, and Gary just explained the process of the taking the measurements and the follow-on for next week. He did not have any data to share at the time of the discussion, so no information was provided about what they were finding. He said he didn't get any questions from Vince Ryan or Jackie Young. She just voiced her concern that the dioxin needs to be removed. It was a friendly exchange.

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**To:** Meyer, John  
**Cc:** Peycke, Mark; Miller, Garyg; Edlund, Carl; Banipal, Ben; Phillips, Pam; Sanchez, Carlos; McCorkhill, Michael  
**Subject:** Re: San Jacinto Update - Early measurements & Site Visitors

Can I get an idea of the questions and answers?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 23, 2015, at 1:08 PM, Meyer, John <[Meyer.John@epa.gov](mailto:Meyer.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

David,

The probing has been completed, and the area has been delineated. The ROUGH ESTIMATE now is 20' x 30'. We will have a more precise calculation this afternoon.

Cong. Green, Vince Ryan, and Jackie Young (Texans Together) were at the site along with several camera news crews. Gary met briefly with the three and answered their questions. Jackie brought cookies for Gary.

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**From:** Meyer, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 10:54 AM  
**To:** Peycke, Mark; Gray, David; Miller, Garyg; Edlund, Carl  
**Cc:** Banipal, Ben; Phillips, Pam; Sanchez, Carlos; McCorkhill, Michael  
**Subject:** San Jacinto Update - Press interviews

David,

Just received a call from Gary Miller that a TV station is setting up at the gate and is preparing for a visit by Cong. Green for an interview. They are not interested in speaking with Gary at this time. He also heard that Vince Ryan will be visiting the site today.

On the access front, the PRPs have agreed to let the County employees that are 40-hour trained on to the site to observe the work.

Also in response to one of your questions this morning:

- As soon as the Work Plan portion to address repair is revised to EPA's satisfaction and approved. I need a copy of the final plan (no longer marked draft) and the approval notice. Will this be today?

Reply: The work plan was approved last night, with comments. The comments mainly focused on providing additional detail on the rock placement. A final plan addressing the comments will be provided on 12/28, prior to placement of the repair rock.

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**From:** Peycke, Mark  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 9:14 AM  
**To:** Meyer, John; Gray, David; Miller, Gary; Edlund, Carl  
**Cc:** Banipal, Ben; Phillips, Pam; Sanchez, Carlos  
**Subject:** RE: San Jacinto - touching base and planning ahead

The AOC requires that access be granted to EPA, its representatives and contractors. We have not designated Harris County as our representative, so we currently have no basis to require the PRPs to grant access to the County. However, Harris County has its own authority and should be able to obtain access. If we need to do something more, let me know and I will look into it further.

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**From:** Meyer, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 8:47 AM  
**To:** Gray, David; Miller, Gary; Edlund, Carl  
**Cc:** Banipal, Ben; Phillips, Pam; Peycke, Mark; Sanchez, Carlos  
**Subject:** RE: San Jacinto - touching base and planning ahead

We just heard from Gary Miller, who is on-site. He told us that the PRPs are going to deny access to Harris County representatives to conduct oversight due to on-going litigation. We are going to coordinate with legal and determine if we can override that decision based on the Administrative Order on Consent we have with the PRPs.

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**From:** Gray, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 6:48 AM  
**To:** Miller, Gary; Meyer, John; Edlund, Carl  
**Cc:** Banipal, Ben; Phillips, Pam; Peycke, Mark  
**Subject:** San Jacinto - touching base and planning ahead

Carl, Gary and John -

It is going to be extremely important we have a continual stream of information sharing now that Gary is on the ground and field activities are commencing at the site. I need both of your cell phone numbers so that I can contact you directly now and over the Holiday weekend. With all of us in different locations and the real time activities will make notifications, coordination and information release more challenging.

- As soon as the PRPs have delineated the area later today – I need to know the dimensions of the area that will be repaired.
- As soon as samples (including EPA confirmation samples are collected) today – I need to know the numbers (of each) and the laboratories (name, location). I have the parameters from the draft work plan and PRESUME EPA is doing the same?
- As soon as the Work Plan portion to address repair is revised to EPA's satisfaction and approved. I need a copy of the final plan (no longer marked draft) and the approval notice. Will this be today?

I expect that I will get requests for on-camera interviews with Gary and my preference is set them up realizing that he has important work to do and won't be available at certain times. Whenever possible I will try to set up a conference line so that I can participate also. I am also available to prep Gary for an interviews that we confirm.

Thanks again,

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